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LAUNCHING OF SATELLITES ON COMMERCIAL BASIS
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ISRO is planning to launch satellites of other countries by its launch vehicles into outer space on commercial basis; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER`S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) Yes, Sir. Indian Space Research Organisation through its commercial arm Antrix Corporation, has been offering to launch satellites of other countries by Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) and Geo-Stationary Launch Vehicle (GSLV) into outer space on commercial basis.

(b) So far, four foreign satellites comprising of two from Germany and one each from Republic of Korea and Belgium have been launched using PSLV. Further, Antrix has signed agreements with Nanyang Technological University, Singapore for launch of a technological satellite called X-Sat by end 2005 and with COSMOS International Satellitenstart GmbH, Germany to launch a scientific satellite called AGILE by mid 2005. Both these launches will be performed by the Indian Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle.